

LMS Parent Council Meeting Minutes

December 8, 2021 via MS Teams

Present: Kyle Lizotte, Val Johnston, Lesley Cotsianis, Jason Barton, Leah Jones, Sherri Flint, Jenna Evans, Brea Williams, Tayler (Little Bluestem), Rebecca Misko, Corrie Friesen, Quincy Barnesky

1. **Call to Order** at 6:02 pm by Brea Williams

2. **Last Meeting Minutes**

Posted to LMS website

3. **Outdoor Classroom** (Tayler- Little Bluestem)

Tayler reviewed new drawings based on feedback from last meeting

New drawings includes a combination of pattern applied to concrete as well as benches. Price is approx \$115,000, which is \$10,000 less than bench option

Approval committee has questions about proximity of boulders- Tayler acknowledges that current drawing has them too close. At minimum, they must be 6 feet away from each other.

Tayler will incorporate this into 30% drawings. Also, consideration to protective covering on the base.

The cost savings of \$10,000 comes from reducing the number of benches, but the decorative patterns brought the price back up a bit

Seating capacity is the same as previous drawing. The benches allows for accessible seating.

If changing the spacing of boulders, may need to reduce number of boulders- this will shift the cost a bit. Goal is to maintain the same amount of seating

Parent Council will provide consensus to Tayler to ensure that 30% drawings are available prior to Christmas.

Discussion had regarding which level of plans we go to. Would like to try and go for the best option, and may have to scale down based on funding. Preference of parent council would be maximize seating and incorporate structural components rather than esthetic components such as concrete patterning

Some discussion about whether Parent Council should be registered as a charity. St James Assiniboia School Division is a registered charity, so can use that money. Mr. Lizotte to confirm this with the School Board.

Discussion had about fundraising campaigns, such as Purdy's chocolates, Mom's pantry, toonie draw, capital campaign.

Motion by Brea to approve drawings presented at previous meeting with full seating, minus patterning, incorporating spacing of boulders requested by Board. **Seconded** by Corrie. Motion carried unanimously

4. **Treasurer's report** (Corrie Friesen)

\$ 12, 280.75 in chequing. \$385.20 deposited from Pizza lunch

\$ 3799.71 in savings

5. Fundscrip Update (Corrie Friesen)

- a. **Results-** \$49, 870 worth of sales, brought in \$1964. Fantastic results, most gift card sales ever
- b. **Delivery-** Plan for pick up at the school on Monday, December 13. Conference manager could be used to schedule pick ups.

6. Principal's Report (Mr. Lizotte)

- a. **Enrolment:** These numbers will fluctuate as the school year continues.

Grade 6: 107

Grade 7: 99

Grade 8: 123 (-1)

Total: 329 (-1)

- b. **Staff Updates**

- Ms. Sarah Muldrew has returned from her parental leave.
- Ms. Maggie Cox has finished her term at Lincoln
- Mr. Tambakis is away until January. Mr. Adam Minor will be filling his absence
- Mr. Maxwell is scheduled to return in January, Ms. Graham will move on at that point

- c. **Thank you!**

- For your efforts with Fundscrip.
- For the ordering and advertising of the return of Pizza Fridays.
- For your pursuance of grants and funding for our outdoor learning space.

- d. **Recent School Events, Clubs and Supports of/for Learning:**

- **Academics:**
 - Term 1 Report Cards emailed to all.
 - Virtual parent conferences occurred on the evening of Dec 2nd and morning of Dec. 3rd.
 - Some discussion about timing of parent conferences after report cards were sent. Most parents in attendance preferred having the report card in hand. Some hiccups in terms of knowledge of ability to schedule multiple teacher appointments.
 - December 14th morning PD for all math teachers with the focus on Number Sense SNAPS as well as the marking rubric and supporting instructional steps.
 - The practice of Reading Conferences (as opposed to benchmark levels) are the focus with all ELA teachers. Ms. Oliver and Mr. Jain have been tasked with building momentum of the process that will become the ongoing norm for reading assessment at the middle years level.

- Practical Arts and arts education rotations/changes have happened for all students.
- **Arts:**
 - Remembrance Day was the focus for many visual, musical, and dance pieces. Great for dance team to be the first performance piece for the year.
 - Rockband continues to rehearse
 - Lunchtime band for all 6's by instrument has been on the go, led by Mr. Kehler.
 - Our 7/8 choir has just over 40 members, all under the direction of Mr. Rivet.
 - You can expect some holiday cheer sent out from dance and band!
- **Athletics:**
 - Tier 1 Boys and Girls Volleyball teams both made it to the finals in their respective leagues.
 - Wednesday morning Volleyball skills continue for grades 7's and 8's who wish to participate.
 - Handball intramurals come to an end with staff vs student championship games.
 - Basketball skills and evaluations are underway with the expectation of determining our Tier 1 and 2 teams for both the boys and girls.
- **School Wide Initiatives:**
 - Many more clubs up and running. Knitting and drama are the most recent additions.
 - Our Movember Campaign came to an end on Nov. 30th with a student vote (congrats Mr. Briggs), cookie sales, moustache sales and more all in support of Andrews' family campaign. In all, just over \$200 was raised.
 - Student Voice Rock Paper Scissor Challenge occurred. Over 450 items donated in total. Amara (grade 7) and Deema (grade 6) squared off in the final. All items raised were donated to the Sturgeon Heights Collegiate community hamper campaign that supports families throughout the division.
 - Catch-up vaccination clinic happened on Dec. 7th at Lincoln.
 - Covid-19 vaccination clinic occurs on Dec. 17th from 1:30 – 6:30
 - Holiday "Festivous" Spirit Week information to be shared out.
- e. **Building Enhancements, Improvements and "As is" Items:**
 - Grooming Room Construction is well underway
 - Library technology has been ordered
 - Home Ec. Fridge ordered
 - Additional Scroll Saws added to the woodshop
 - 2022-23 Budget has been submitted with a decrease of \$3222 overall. Need a parent volunteer to review the budget. Instructional budget has not been affected.

f. COVID Updates

- Vaccination/Testing requirements for participating students, ages 12-17 are now in effect.
- Current cohorting conditions for grade 6 students remain unchanged.
- Starting Monday, December 13th, will get kids to start moving around the building more instead of teachers moving into classrooms.

7. Pizza Days

- a. **Staff Feedback/Future plans**- suggest to go every second week- 7 and 8s on the same day, grade 6 on the other week. Would run every Friday, but kids would get access every second Friday. Reducing order to 28 pizzas. Will continue to monitor number of pizzas required. Will start back on January 14th after the winter break. Dominoes has been great to deal with. Going well in the library. All in one line, crowd is manageable.

8. Outdoor Classroom Grant Proposals

- a. **Progress**- One grant has gone in so far, by Val with background work from Brea- Tree Canada sponsorship.
TD Canada- Brea has been working on for approx 8k
Province of Mb Sustainable Communities- Rebecca and Corrie up to \$75, 000. Need to have 10% of our own money before we qualify for this grant (approx \$12, 500). We do have this amount in our accounts.
- b. **Board Letter**- letter is coming from the School Board
- c. **Councillor Letter**- Brea has called Kevin Kline, very excited about the project, and provided a letter of support. He has some money in his budget that could be used to support the project. This lends credibility to grant proposals, who often ask for partners and other supporters.
- d. **Other Donations**
- e. Need to keep James Dunlop in the loop as to what grants have been submitted

9. New Business- Deferred

10. Next Meeting – January 12 at 6:00 via Teams

11. Adjournment- 7:34 pm